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SUBJECT: U.S.-POLISH AVIATION CONSULTATIONS

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1. ON MARCH 13, AN EMBASSY OFFICER MET WITH LUKASIK OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO DISCUSS THE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON AIR TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 3 IN WASHINGTON. AS A RESULT OF A MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, LUKASIK REQUESTED THE CONSULTATIONS BE POSTPONED FOR ONE MONTH. HE SAID THE POLISH SIDE WOULD THEN BE BETTER PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES TO BE COVERED IN THESE TALKS. IF THE CONSULTATIONS WERE HELD IN APRIL, LUKASIK SAID, THE POLISH SIDE WOULD STILL ATTEND BUT THE AGENDA WOULD HAVE TO LIMITED TO ONLY THE MOST PRESSING PROBLEMS.

2. LUKASIK SAID PAN AO'S TARIFF APPLICATION HAS RECEIVED "FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION", AND A REPLY WILL FORTHCOMING WITHIN A WEEK. SINCE THE MOST URGENT MATTERS SUCH AS TARIFFS HAVE BEEN RESOLVED, LUKASIK SAID THE GOP WOULD WELCOME A DELAY TO EVALUATE THE RESULTS OF 1977 AIR TRAFFIC FLOW BETWEEN THE U.S. AND POLAND.

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3. THE EMBASSY OFFICER POINTED OUT THAT PAN AM HAS NOT RECEIVED A REPLY TO ITS APPLICATION FOR VIENNA ROUTING. LUKASIK SAID THE GOP WISHED TO BRING THIS MATTER UP AT THE CONSULTATIONS AND, IN EFFECT, USE PAN AM'S REQUEST AS A BARGAINING CHIP TO GAIN LOT ACCESS TO CHICAGO. LUKA IK PROMISED TO ASCERTAINWHETHER A MORE TIMELY DECISION

COULD REACHED.

4. LUKASIK SAID THE GOP HAS NOT REACHED A DECISION ON
CHARTERS (SEE REFTTEL PARA 5.)

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE LET US KNOW WHETHER THE ONE
MONTH POSTPONEMENT IS ACCEPTABLE.
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